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PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

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Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time, from October 17, 2003 up to and including December 17, 2003, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.36(a) for filing a response to the mailed Office Action in the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$420.00 for the extension fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448 or to charge any under-payments or credit any overpayments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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